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SUBJECT: NEW DELAYS AT KAMAZ?

1. IZVESTIYA OF SEPT 5. CARRIES REPORTAGE OF NEW CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECREES REGARDING CONSTRUCTION FIRST SECTION OF KAMAZ COMPLEX. RESOLUTIONS CALL FOR MEASURES TO "ASSURE" THAT FIRST KAMAZ PRODUCTION UNIT WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY 1976. AMPLIFYING SPARSE IZVESTIYA COVERAGE, TASS VESTNIK OF SEPT 4. STATES THAT DECREES SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR "IMPROVING THE ORGANIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND ASSEMBLY WORK" AND FOR "EFFICIENTLY UTILIZING" CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT ON KAMAZ PROJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO IZVESTIYA, DECREES ALSO OBLIGATE USSR MINISTRY OF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY AND CONSTRUCTION MINISTRIES TO "ACCELERATE" CONSTRUCTION OF SATELLITE ENTERPRISES AROUND COUNTRY WHICH WILL SUPPLY VARIOUS COMPONENTS FOR KAMAZ TRUCKS. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ENTERPRISES AND REBUILDING OF EXISTING ONES SHOULD BE COMPLETED DURING 1975-77 PERIOD.

3. SEPT 5 SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA REPORTS JOINT MEETING

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PREVIOUS DAY OF TATAR ASSR OBKOM AND NABEREZHNIYE CHELNIY GORKOM

PARTY ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCUSSWAYS AND MEANS OF FULFILLING OBLIGATIONS SET OUT IN NEW RESOLUTIONS. A FORMIDABLE ARRAY OF HIGH-POWERED BIGWIGS FROM MOSCOW--LED BY GOSSTROY CHAIRMAN I.T. NOVIKOV, AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY MINISTER TARASOV, AND POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY--GAVE "DETAILED" PRESENTATIONS ON STATE OF KAMAZ PROJECT.

4. COMMENT TONE IN ALL OF ABOVE-CITED ARTICLES IS ONE OF DISQUIET--PARTICULARLY SO AS PARTY ORGANIZATIONS STEP UP THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN KAMAZ. PRESUMABLY DELAYS CAUSED BY LAGGING CONSTRUCTION WORK, INADEQUATE SUPPLY, OTHER STANDARD BOTTELNECKS HAVE NOW REACHED SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS LEVEL ON THIS PRESTIGE PROJECT TO WARRANT HIGH-LEVEL PARTY AND MINISTERIAL ACTION TO GET THINGS MOVING SMOOTHLY AGAIN. IF SOME (OR MANY) SECONDARY ENTERPRISES WILL NOT BE FINISHED UNTIL 1977, MOVEOVER, LIKELIHOOD OF ACTUAL KAMAZ STARTUP DURING 1976 APPEARS EVEN MORE REMOTE.
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